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TO: USEPA, Enhanced Air Quality Monitoring for Communities

RE: Lake County Environmental Works (LCEW) "Survey of Ethylene Oxide in Lake County, Illinois Using Best Testing Practices" Project

I am writing this letter in support of Lake County Environmental Works (LCEW) "Survey of Ethylene Oxide in Lake County, Illinois Using Best Testing Practices" Project's application to test the air quality in the indicated region of lake county.

I happen to teach a "chemistry in context" course in the local college. One of the chapters we cover is Air Quality. Some of my previous students coming from Gurnee and Waukegan wrote papers about the residents' concerns of the EtO emissions. Having a station measuring the air quality in this local area and learning more about the potential impact of EtO on health will have a good impact on alleviating the concerns and assuring the students and the community.

Having this station in our locality, I see an additional opportunity for our students to further hands-on learning that complement the different experiments the students do in our classes. Besides being a chemistry faculty member in the local College of Lake County will help increase our community outreach to local issues of concern. Coming from an analytical chemistry background and having used advanced measurements instrumentations, I see a good opportunity to support this project.

If you have any concerns or questions that will further help LCEW's application get accepted, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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